## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

**DOCKET NO. 05-111547RWZ** 

LAUREN VARALLO Plaintiff,

v.

TOWN OF NANTUCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT and JAMES SAMSON, Defendant,

## <u>DEFENDANT, TOWN OF NANTUCKET'S L.R. 56.1 SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT</u> <u>OF UNDISPUTED FACTS</u>

The defendant, Town of Nantucket, submits the following as its supplement to the statement of undisputed facts for the purposes of their summary judgment motion.

- 1. On July 21, 2002, the plaintiff, Lauren Varallo, was transported to the Nantucket Cottage Hospital by ambulance following a 911 call by her parents. The plaintiff had inflicted wounds to herself while at home. See deposition of Lauren Varallo, pages 15-17, Exhibit "A", report of investigation by State Police dated July 31, 2002, Exhibit "B" and ambulance run sheet, Exhibit "C".
- 2. The 911 call was handled by the Town of Nantucket dispatch and the Fire Department ambulance was dispatched to the plaintiff's residence. <u>See</u> Deposition of John D. Welch, pages 34-38, Exhibit "D".
- 3. The plaintiff was admitted by hospital staff for observation for intoxication and for major depression.. Admission time was approximately 12:30 a.m. See Nantucket Cottage Hospital records, Exhibit "E"
- 4. Nursing personnel from Nantucket Cottage Hospital contacted the Nantucket Police Department on two occasions to arrange for a police detail to assist in the observation of the plaintiff at the hospital. See deposition of Christine Lander, pages 21-32, Exhibit "F" and dispatch tape, Exhibit "K"
- 5. Nantucket Cottage Hospital is a small regional hospital with no security staff. The hospital on occasion, contacts the Nantucket Police Department for assistance with patients. Said assistance could range from helping moving a heavy patient to observation

- of a patient. See deposition of Charles Gibson, pages 20-24, Exhibit "G"
- 6. The Nantucket Police Department from time to time has placed individuals in protective custody/arrest and transported them to Nantucket Hospital for observation and/or medical treatment. These individuals are in police custody. <u>See</u> deposition of Charles Gibson, pages 25-30, Exhibit "G"
- 7. Sgt. Christine Lander attempted to fill the detail request with full time officers, a female summer specialist but could not find anyone to go on the detail. <u>See</u> deposition of Christine Lander, pages 42-50, Exhibit "F", report, Exhibit "H" and deposition of James Samson, pages 28-30, Exhibit "I".
- 8. Details are generally filled by going down a detail list which contains officers names based on seniority. See deposition of Charles Gibson, pages 20-24, Exhibit "G"
- 9. If the department is unable to fill a position using full time staff, summer officers are used to fill a position. See deposition of Charles Gibson, pages 64-67, Exhibit "G"
- 10. Then summer police officer, James Samson, came into the station and volunteered to fill the detail assignment at the hospital. He arrived at the hospital at about 2:30 a.m. See deposition of Christine Lander, pages 42-50, Exhibit "F", Lander report, Exhibit "H", and Nantucket Hospital flow sheet, Exhibit "E"
- 11. The plaintiff was never placed in protective custody by the Nantucket Police Department but, was a patient of the hospital. The defendant, James Samson was never informed that the plaintiff was in protective custody but rather, that she [plaintiff] was under a watch because she tried to harm herself. <u>See</u> deposition of Charles Gibson, pages 24-33, Exhibit "G" and deposition of James Samson, pages 77-79, Exhibit "I".
- 12. The defendant, James Samson had received greater training than was generally required to hold the position as a summer reserve police officer. Samson had attended the Massachusetts Reserve Officer Criminal Justice Training Council Academy. See deposition of Charles Gibson, pages 49-54, Exhibit "G" and official transcript from the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee. Exhibit "J".
- 13. Prior to hiring, candidates for summer reserve positions are interviewed, submit an application and criminal history checks are conducted. <u>See</u> deposition of Charles Gibson, pages 49-51, Exhibit "G"
- 14. The defendant, James Samson, was a productive officer during his tenure with no criminal history and had completed the Reserve Officer Criminal Justice Training Council Academy. See deposition of Charles Gibson, pages 49-52, Exhibit "G"
- 15. The Town of Nantucket billed Nantucket Hospital for police detail services on July 21,

- 2002 involving then Office Samson. The detail rate was \$33.00 an hour which represents the hourly rate for the officer and an administration fee. The total amount billed to the Hospital was \$198.00 for six hours work. See Invoice dated July 23, 2002, Exhibit "L"
- 16. On August 7, 2002, Officer Samson was paid \$180.00 for his detail work at Nantucket Hospital on July 21, 2002. <u>See</u> Detail Check History for Officer Samson, from July 1, 2002-September 1, 2002., Exhibit "M".

The defendant, Town of Nantucket, By its attorneys,

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